

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

## 2022 TRIBAL COUNCIL

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GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR.  
RODNEY LOONSFOOT

**MINUTES**  
**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NIIWIN AKEAA CENTER/COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112**  
**111 BEARTOWN ROAD, BARAGA, MI 49908**  
**WEDNESDAY – JULY 27, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

- A. Date: July 27, 2022
- B. Call to Order: Vice President LaFernier called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.  
(President Klopstein-voice issues)

C. Invocation: Ojibwa Prayer by Elizabeth "Liz" Julio

D. Roll Call: Present: Kim Klopstein, President  
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President  
Toni J. Minton, Secretary  
Don Messer, Assistant Secretary  
Randall R. Haataja, Treasurer  
Doreen G. Blaker  
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.  
Eddy Edwards  
Sue Ellen Elmlad  
Elizabeth "Liz" Julio  
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.

Absent: Rodney Loonsfoot

- E. Declaration of Quorum: Vice President LaFernier declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.
- F. Approval of Agenda: July 27, 2022

Additions: Old Business: 1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney –First Amendment date for the BCMH Professional Service Agreement

Deletions: New Business: 6. Brigitte LaPointe-Dunham, CEO – Weekly Update

**APPROVED**

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KBIC PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SIGNATURE: Bl

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

G. For Your Information:

1. Retirement Party for Kathy Mayo, Health Administrator – Friday, July 29, 2022
2. Thank You from Skandia West Branch Joint Operations Board for the Skandia West Branch Fire Department – 2% Distribution

H. Old Business:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – First Amendment to BCMH Professional Service Agreement – The effective date is January 19, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 19, 2022 ON THE AMENDED BCMH PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. NINE IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 1 (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

I. New Business:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney – Tier II Services Agreement Veolia North America to provide a Hazardous (household) Waste Collection Event for the Community on August 6, 2022

**MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE TIER II SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VEOLIA NORTH AMERICA TO COLLECT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON AUGUST 6, 2022, AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DON MESSER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Evelyn Ravindran, NRD Director – Memorandum of Agreement between KBIC and GLIFWC for \$33,574.00 for the operation/maintenance of stream gages, October 1, 2021

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE GLIFWC KBIC STREAM GAGE MOA AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO.

The agreement states the Tyler Forks stream gage but it should include three stream gages near the Eagle Mine

TONI J. MINTON AMENDED HER MOTION:

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE MOA WITH GLIFWC FOR \$33,574.00 AND GIVE EVELYN RAVINDRAN THE AUTHORITY TO AMEND AND ADD THE OTHER STREAM GAGES AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH "LIZ" JULIO. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Ed Janisse, Eagle Radio General Manager – Coral A. Howe Services Agreement Tier II to provide repair and maintenance services for the radio stations tower and transmitter facilities until July 31, 2023.

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE CORAL A. HOWE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND WAIVE THE INSURANCE AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

Don Messer will bring the corrected contract that waives the Insurance clause 5.1-5.4 and change the page numbers before President Klopstein signs.

4. Don Messer, Ojibwa Casinos General Manager –
  - a. Cook Sign Services Quotes (2) for the new Pines Convenience Center Electronic Gas Pricer/Electronic Message Center sign for \$52,880.72 (72" high) to be paid from the U.S. Oil (renewal) funds

**MOTION MADE BY SUE ELLEN ELMBLAD TO APPROVE THE QUOTE OF \$52,880.72 BY COOK SIGN SERVICES FOR A NEW DIGITAL SIGN AT THE PINES CONVENIENCE CENTER AS PRESENTED. SUPPORTED BY EDDY EDWARDS. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Weekly Update: Covid Report, Slots, The Marquette Casino Craft Show was a success with 38 vendors. Michael Lahti resigned and Michelle Hoggard was appointed as the Interim, the position will be posted. Hot Stuff Pizza– Grand Opening will be on Friday, July 29, 2022. Employees are getting the store reorganized and ready for the grand opening.

**Break: 9:34 a.m. – 9:46 a.m.**

5. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cannabis Developer - Weekly Update: Crystal Falls, Marquette, Gary and Mark Abraham will be visiting other possible new locations.

**MOTION MADE BY EDDY EDWARDS TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:11 A.M. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Closed Session:

1. Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney, Mark Abraham – a. Discussion-Accounting Procedures
- b. (Craig) Aronoff Law-Engagement and Retainer Agreement (Mashkiki) for legal and consulting services in Michigan’s Marijuana Market
- c. Weekly Update

**MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, JR. TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 12:06 P.M. SUPPORTED BY DOREEN G. BLAKER. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

Zena Huhta and the KBIC NRD Youth Workers gave a brief presentation on wild blueberries gathering and teaching and presented the Council members with the berries that they harvested.

**MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT AND RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH ARONOFF LAW. SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth “Liz” Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

K. Adjournment:

**MOTION MADE BY DON MESSER TO ADJOURN AT 12:19 P.M. CO-SUPPORTED BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. AND RANDALL R. HAATAJA. TEN IN FAVOR (Kim Klopstein, Toni J. Minton, Don Messer, Randall R. Haataja, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Elizabeth "Liz" Julio, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.), OPPOSED – 0, ABSTAINING – 0, ABSENT – 1 (Rodney Loonsfoot) MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Roe  
CEO/President's Administrative Specialist